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GROUP 2812

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 021302-000300US

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Mark Wesselmann

Application No.: 10/716,992

Filed: November 19, 2003

For: PROTECTING THIN
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS DURING
BACK-GRINDING IN HIGH-VOLUME
PRODUCTION

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7582

Examiner: Ghyka, Alexander G.

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 05/22/2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.